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 At least four people — three Blacks and a White — have been killed and at least 17 injured in bloody rioting in Soweto today after a demonstration by more than 10 000 pupils against the use of Afrikaans in high schools.

The known dead are a young child, an old man, a Black policeman and, reportedly, a White employee of the West Rand Administration Board who was dragged from his car and stabbed.

About 300 police equipped with guns and tear gas fired into the air when the rampaging pupils congregated around Phefeni Junior Secondary School in Orlando West, Soweto, early today.

Two Blacks — an elderly man and a young child — died from injuries received after the police opened fire. At least 14 more people were taken to hospital with injuries. Another White in a car was assaulted before managing to escape.

All available police in the Soweto area, and a large number of reinforcements from Johannesburg including the Flying Squad, were sent into Soweto.

Cars burnt

Brigadier R Le Roux, who is directing operations in Soweto, said the situation was "very bad. Everything is in such an upheaval here, I don't really know what is going on."

He said houses, cars and other property were being burnt and stoned.

A number of police were believed injured in the rioting, but the extent of their injuries is not known.

Ambulances and fire brigades in Johannesburg were put on standby and a spokesman for the Jo-